

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 144.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-FIVE.

AN ACT relating to Fines and Forfeitures collected
by Trial Justices and Judges of Municipal and
Police Courts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seven of chapter one hundred
2 and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes is hereby
3 amended so that the first sentence thereof, includ-
4 ing the number of said section, shall read as fol-
5 lows:

'SECT. 7. Every trial justice or judge of a mu-
7 nicipal or police court shall render, under oath, an
8 account of all fines and forfeitures upon convictions
9 and sentences before him, and pay them over within
10 two months after he receives the same, to the treas-

11 urer of the town, if they accrue to the town, and
12 to the treasurer of the county, if they accrue to
13 the State or county, or any corporation, person,
14 society or association, in whole or in part, for the
15 use of the party entitled thereto; and for any
16 neglect in making such payments he forfeits in each
17 instance double the amount so neglected to be paid
18 over, to be recovered by indictment for the parties
19 entitled to such fines and forfeitures, and in default
20 of payment, according to the sentence of the court,
21 he shall be imprisoned in jail not exceeding six
22 months.'

SECT. 2. Every trial justice or judge of a municipi-
2 pal or police court hereafter to be appointed, before
3 he performs any official act as such justice or judge,
4 pertaining to any criminal process or proceeding,
5 shall give bond to the county in such sum and with
6 such sureties as the county commissioners of said
7 county shall approve, conditioned that he will during
8 his continuance in office, faithfully perform, as the
9 law requires, all his duties relating to the collection
10 and payment over of all fines and forfeitures which
11 may come into his hands by virtue of his office.
12 Such bond shall be held by the county treasurer
13 and enforced for the security of any and all parties
14 entitled to such fines and forfeitures, and a suit on

15 such bond for the benefit of one party shall not bar
16 a suit thereon for the benefit of any other party.
17 Every such justice or judge who shall perform any
18 such official acts before giving such bond, forfeits
19 not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered
20 by indictment, but a failure to give such bond shall
21 not render invalid such official acts.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 27, 1885. }

Reported by Mr. LEBROKE from Committee on Judiciary, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*